

Merchantville, NJ

April 26, 2010

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Monday, April 26, 2010. Mayor Frank M. North presided. Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer were observed. Announcement was made that the meeting had been advertised in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the "Open Public Meetings Act".

**ROLL CALL:**

Council Present: Alloway, Brennan, Perno, Brunton, and Fields.  
Clerk Brouse, Attorney Higgins, and CFO Moules were present.

**PUBLIC:**

**Drew Velton**, 178 Prospect Street, asked for an update on the abandon property on Prospect. Mr. Higgins gave a report and the Borough will do property maintenance.

**Sharon Stine**, 29 W. Walnut Avenue, School budget was defeated by seven votes and it has been reduced. We will help you with whatever you need. Mayor stated that committees will be set up. Mrs. Stine gave an update on discussions with the State regarding budget.

**Bob Disch**, 23 E. Chestnut Avenue, had questions regarding the Fieldstone contract, parking spots, redevelopment plan.

**Bill Walker**, 23 W. Cedar Avenue, contract wording suggests that Master Plan may need to be amended. Redevelopment plan amendments from contract states Master Plan amendments should be included. What will the tax abatement cover? 85% based on improvements.

**Marvin Gaskill**, 102 E. Chestnut Avenue, in support of going easy on school budget, may consider alternative cuts and hope to consider those. CO Officer & Fire official reported on 606 W. Maple Ave property violations last month. Consider receivership law of 1971 to allow a local Municipality to inspect, file in court and have a receiver appointed to maintain the property.

**Tom Evaul**, 105 St. James Avenue, regarding Town Center East project, concerned about loss of parking in area and around Chestnut and Park. Would Borough consider purchasing Verizon lot? Mayor responded regarding parking for Spring Fling, no problem with parking.

**Mark Pagano**, 166 Prospect Street, Is there a plan for EMS building? Mayor stated that it could be moved to corner of Somerset & Prospect for meetings, historical society, Garden Club. No parking lot at this time.

**Drew Velton**, 178 Prospect Street, does not like the idea of moving EMS building to Prospect & Somerset. We have lack of Greenspace in town and this will take more away. The Mayor asked for suggestions.

**Bill Walker**, 23 W. Cedar Avenue, Bank building is not in plan at this time.

**Mark Pagano**, 166 Prospect Street, Was this the only location for the EMS building?

**OLD BUSINESS**

All playground equipment has been installed at Wellwood Park.

**NEW BUSINESS**

## **ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING**

**ORDINANCE 10-06 SEWER LINE AND MANHOLE REHABILITATION PROJECT:** On a motion of Mr. Brunton and second of Mr. Brennan, the following Ordinance was introduced:

**ORDINANCE 10-06  
BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, NEW JERSEY  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,  
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING  
\$90,000 FOR SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR THE  
BOROUGH'S 2009 NJEIT PROJECT**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$90,000, consisting of: (i) \$11,850 from the Capital Improvement Fund (Sewer); and (ii) \$78,150 from the Capital Improvement Fund (General), to provide Supplemental Funding for the Borough's 2009 NJEIT Project, together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefore or related thereto, all as further described in the information on file and available for inspection in the offices of the Borough Clerk (collectively, the "Project").

**Section 2.** It is hereby determined and stated that the Project set forth in Section 1 is a general improvement and is not a current expense of the Borough.

**Section 3.** The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith, and the resolution promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Borough Clerk and available for inspection.

**Section 4.** All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 5.** This ordinance shall take effect after final adoption and publication as required by law.

**Resolutions to be read and approved by consent agenda:** On a motion of Mr. Perno and second of Mr. Alloway, Council approved the following resolutions to be read and approved by consent agenda:

**R10-51  
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW  
JERSEY DESIGNATING RECIPIENTS FOR THE CAMDEN COUNTY HOUSING  
REHABILITATION PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING CAMDEN COUNTY COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT AS ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT**

**WHEREAS** the Borough of Merchantville housing rehabilitation agency, hereinafter referred to as "Agency" had received and reviewed applications by certain homeowners specified herein for rehabilitation of their dwellings under the Camden County Community Development Block Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS** said Agency has determined that said homeowners are eligible under the guidelines of said program; and

**WHEREAS** the County of Camden has been authorized by Cooperation Agreements between the County and the various participating municipalities to administer the Housing

Rehabilitation Program from funds received under Community Development Block Grant Program;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved as follows:

That the following homeowner is hereby determined eligible for assistance under the Camden County Home Improvement Program:

20-D-085 Shirley Sebest, 101 Glenwood Avenue

That the Camden County Division of Community Development is hereby authorized to process the aforementioned homeowner's application for rehabilitation of their dwellings as specified herein.

That the Camden County Division of Community Development is further authorized to do the following:

Execute any and all documents and perform all administrative functions which may be required or desired in order to carry out the terms and conditions of the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Make payments to the homeowners and contractors in amounts determined by Community Development for services performed in rehabilitating the dwellings specified herein.

#### **R10-52**

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY DESIGNATING RECIPIENTS FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS** the Borough of Merchantville housing rehabilitation agency, hereinafter referred to as "Agency" had received and reviewed applications by certain homeowners specified herein for rehabilitation of their dwellings under the Neighborhood Preservation Grant Program in the target area including Merchantville, Pennsauken and Cherry Hill; and

**WHEREAS** said Agency has determined that said homeowners are eligible under the guidelines of said program; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved as follows:

That the following homeowners are hereby determined eligible for assistance under the Camden Neighborhood Preservation Program:

Vanessa Tyler, 4900 Penn Street, Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Ellen Cream, 5010 Penn Street, Pennsauken, NJ 08109

That the Neighborhood Preservation Program is hereby authorized to process the aforementioned homeowner's application for rehabilitation of their dwellings as specified herein.

That the Neighborhood Preservation Program is further authorized to do the following:

Execute any and all documents and perform all administrative functions which may be required or desired in order to carry out the terms and conditions of the Program.

Make payments to the homeowners and contractors in amounts determined by Neighborhood Preservation for services performed in rehabilitating the dwellings specified herein.

#### **R10-53**

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPOINTING JOANNE LEWIS AS THE DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 26:8-11 requires the Municipal Clerk be appointed as the local registrar in any district having a population of less than 5,000 ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Clerk can appoint a Deputy Registrar and it is the desire of the Municipal Clerk at this time to appoint a Deputy Registrar;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville that Joanne Lewis be and is hereby appointed to the position of Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for an annual term commencing April 26, 2010 and concluding on April 26, 2011.

**APPROVAL**-Use of Borough property, Wellwood Park, for Memorial Day Ceremony. On a motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mr. Brennan, approval was given for the use of Wellwood Park for a Memorial Day Ceremony.

**APPROVAL**-Personnel Manual. On a motion of Mr. Brennan and second of Mrs. Fields, council approved the personnel manual.

**R10-54**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING THE BOROUGH EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL MANUAL**

**WHEREAS**, the personnel committee of the Borough of Merchantville along with the Joint Insurance Fund has revised the Employee Personnel Manual; and

**WHEREAS**, the Joint Insurance Fund has required the Borough to approve said Manual; and

**WHEREAS**, approval of the Governing Body is required for the final approval of the Personnel Manual by the Joint Insurance Fund of New Jersey; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville that they have reviewed the particulars of the Personnel Manual and approved same, effective April 26, 2010.

**Discussion**-Defeated School Budget

**Discussion**-General Capital Budget

**Discussion**-Sewer Utility Billing Ordinance

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** State was out to inspect Fire House and only 10 items were listed.

**PRIVATE SESSION.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On the motion of Mr. Perno and second of Mr. Brunton the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

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DENISE BROUSE  
BOROUGH CLERK